



## Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

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### New Information in Blue Text

<b>Event Name</b>	22-0011 Severe Weather 11APR
<b>Date</b>	April 13, 2022
<b>Time</b>	9:00 AM
<b>Operational Period</b>	10:00 AM April 12 to 8:00 AM April 13, 2022
<b>Report Number</b>	1

### Regions Affected

<b>DPS Regions Affected</b>	1, 2, 5 & 6
<b>DDCs Active</b>	5,6

**STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:** Widespread damaging winds moved through the region bringing lines of storms as well as large hail. In addition, there was a slight risk for heavy rain and possible flash flooding over the same region as storms both ahead of and along the cold front had the potential to produce significant downpours.

On April 12, Governor Abbott directed the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare additional state resources for mobilization as Texans face critical-to-extreme wildfire weather conditions in the Western half of the state and severe storm threats in the Eastern half of the state. The Texas State Emergency Operations Center (SOC) is operating at Level II: Escalated Response in support of severe weather and wildfire response.

According to the Texas A&M Forest Service, a Southern Plains Wildfire Outbreak is possible today, April 12, in the Texas Panhandle. This event may impact communities near Canadian, Amarillo, Childress, Lubbock, and Midland where extremely dry vegetation will be subjected to above normal temperatures, low humidity, and high wind speeds. A heightened threat of fire danger through Wednesday includes the Panhandle, South Plains, Permian Basin, West Texas, Big Country, Concho Valley, Texoma, and the Border Region.

The increased risk of severe storms brings potential for large hail, damaging winds, tornados, and flash flooding in North, Central, and East Texas through Wednesday.

The State of Texas has mobilized resources for West and East Texas ahead of critical fire weather and severe storm threats in those regions, respectively, Texans are encouraged to remain resilient and heed the guidance of local officials to protect their loved ones, and we thank our emergency responders who are working to protect our communities this Holy Week.

The following state agencies sent representatives to the SOC starting at 10:00 AM. (Tuesday, April 12) alongside TDEM

- Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)
- Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)
- Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)
- Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS)
- Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)
- Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC)
- Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC)
- Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS)
- Texas Military Department (TMD)

TAMFS has activated more than 325 state firefighters, 175 local firefighters from 56 different departments through the Texas Intrastate Fire Mutual Aid System (TIFMAS) including 45 engines and has called in more than 100 firefighters from 12 states. TAMFS is utilizing more than 35 aviation resources including 3 large airtankers, 15 single engine air tankers, six air attack platforms, and five type 1 helicopters.

TPWD Game Wardens have assisted and will continue to aid in evacuations and traffic control, and TPWD's State Parks Division has firefighters supporting active fires in the Central Texas area.

DPS continues to support the state's response to wildfires and severe weather by assisting with evacuations, security, roving patrols, neighborhood reentry, damage assessments, and aerial surveys of fire and tornado damage.

TxDOT is using Electronic Messaging Signs on highways to alert the public of the high fire danger, and TxDOT personnel are on standby to respond with crews to clear roads impacted by severe weather.

RRC is communicating with gas utilities and pipeline companies to respond to wildfire issues if fires threaten supply to customers and will work with community assets to establish timelines for recovery if needed.

PUC reminds citizens to never approach or touch downed power lines, as the lines could still be live. Also, report downed lines or outages to local authorities and local utility officials. Texans can find contact information to report down lines and

monitor power outage maps on the PUCT Storm Resources page, [puc.texas.gov/storm/contact.html](http://puc.texas.gov/storm/contact.html).

The Texas Emergency Management Task Force (TX EMTF) has three severe weather support packages and three wildland fire support packages on standby should they need to be activated.

**OPERATIONAL PRIORITIES:**

1. Protect life and property.
2. Support rapid & effective response.
3. Collect and disseminate accurate incident information to improve decision-making.
4. Accurately track incident costs associated with assigned resources for cost recovery.

**Power Outages: as of 7:00am 4/13**, down from a high of 109,004 at 10:00PM.

Region	Sum of Customers Out
Region 1	41,630
Region 2	6,345
Region 3	123
Region 4	6
Region 5	80
Region 6	614
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>48,798</b>

**Region 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22):**

**DDC 4A – Hurst** Includes: Denton, Erath, Hood, Johnson, Palo Pinto, Parker, Somervell, Tarrant, and Wise Counties)

DFW Airport issued a ground stop to all traffic due to the severe weather that has impacted the area at 8PM.

**DDC 4 – Garland** (Includes: Collin, Dallas, Ellis, Hunt, Kaufman, Navarro, and Rockwall Counties)

Activated and monitoring the progression of the severe weather in the district.

**Ellis County:** Report of significant wind damage and structure damage to Dairy Queen, signs and mobile home overturned in the City of Ennis.

**Hunt County:** Hunt County EOC in Coordination with TAMUC online monitoring storm progression.

**DDC 5 – Mt. Pleasant** (Includes: Bowie, Cass, Delta, Franklin, Hopkins, Lamar, Morris, Red River, and Titus Counties)

DDC 5 is at Level III Monitoring Severe Weather.

Reports of tornado warnings in both Cass and Morris counties.

**DDC 6 – Tyler** (Includes: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties)

DDC 6 is at Level III - Monitoring Severe Weather.

**Anderson County:** Reported major power outages around the areas of Bradford and Montalba Communities. FM 860 and Hwy 19 power lines and trees uprooted and laid over strong/high winds to straight line winds suspected. 2 residents reported damage to their home's porches and minor roof damage due to trees

**City of Palestine** reported multiple trees and power lines down but nothing major at this time

**Gregg County:** City of Gladewater and City of White Oak were without power and their 911 and radio systems went down. Gregg County SO was handling all calls and dispatching Fire and Police Emergency calls via cell phones. No state assistance was requested, and operations returned to normal.

**Rains County** has reported that there is damage done to the local high school.

**Smith County: City of Tyler** both city hospitals as of 8pm were operating on generator power. Both city hospitals also have reported there are multiple windows broken. There have been reports of storm damage in the central part of the city.

**Region 6 (Includes DDCs 11, 12, 17, 18A, 18B, and 23)**

**DDC 12 Austin**

**Williamson County:** Tornado touched down near the City of Florence and City of Jarrell. The Williamson County Office of Emergency Management received reports from Sheriff's Office deputies of two separate possible tornadoes in Williamson County.

The Williamson County Sheriff's Office closed northbound and southbound traffic on IH-35 at mile marker 278 as the tornado appeared to be about to cross IH-35 and later re-opened.

**DDC 23 Killeen**

**Bell County:** Confirmed tornado east toward IH-35, City of Salado. Reports of significant damage Cedar Valley Road and FM 2843.

Structural damage including up to 20 homes Southwest of Salado, power line poles snapped, multiple trees down. A shelter was established in the Village Community Center.

Twenty-five individuals from the area were taken to local hospitals for assessment and treatment. Structures were damaged or destroyed. All homes in the tornado's path have been searched and cleared.

**City of Rogers:** a tornado was spotted 8 miles northeast of the town heading towards Temple.

**Coryell County:** a tornado was spotted 8 miles south of Gatesville.

**Lampasas County:** reports of high wind and ping pong ball sized hail falling in the county.

#### **RESPONDING STATE AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS REPORT STATE RESOURCES COMMITTED**

**Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) / Texas A&M Public Works Response Team (TX-PWRT)** Two (2) TX-PWRT personnel are managing Public Works and Engineering from the Remote SOC.

**Texas A&M Forest Service (TAMFS):** McGregor TAMFS Task Force has responded to a request made by Bell County EMC for saw crews. A tornado passed through Salado earlier on Tuesday with extensive damage to the community. McGregor TF will be tasked with clearing the roads along FM2843 that is full of debris and downed trees.

**Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD)** Prepared department resources consisting of Texas Game Wardens and State Parks Police Officers to support rescue operations in areas affected by the Severe Weather.

**Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS):** The remote State Medical Operations Center (SMOC) activated to support severe weather operations beginning at 10:00AM on Tuesday.

**Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT):**

- FM2843 in Bell County is closed due to down power lines from tornado damage.
- TxDOT crews in Bell County responded to clear FM 2843 and will return in the Wednesday morning to clear the road.
- TxDOT contractors removed mud and silt from IH 14 from Nolanville and Belton. This was a result of massive down pour as the storm passed.
- TxDOT is staffing the Remote SOC

**Railroad Commission of Texas (RRC):** No natural gas service interruptions have been reported to the RRC at this time. The RRC will continue to work with natural gas service providers throughout this event. The RRC will continue to support and work with the PUC throughout the event.

#### STATE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Agency	Resource Kind and Type	Personnel	Equipment	Status	Location
TWPD	Liaison	2		Assigned	Austin-SOC(Remote)
TxDOT	Liaison	1		Assigned	Austin-SOC
DSHS	Severe Weather Package	64		Activated	Various
RRC	Liaison	1		Activated	R-SOC
TEEX/TX-PWRT	Liaison	2		Activated	R-SOC

**FINAL COMMENTS:** The State Operations Center (SOC) remains at Level II (Escalated Response Conditions) for COVID-19 and Wildfire Outbreak response and recovery operations. The Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) continues to monitor the situation and will provide additional situation reports as needed.

#### The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

*This Situation Report can be found on the TDEM webpage at:*  
<https://tdem.texas.gov/situation-reports/>

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